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Documenting **Issuance of** Breastfeeding Equipment

Introduction

Breastfeeding equipment is a significant investment of WIC resources. Local WIC agencies providing this equipment may be liable for injury to WIC participants resulting from improper use. This applies whether equipment is given, sold, or loaned. Therefore, local agencies should take reasonable steps to document the provision of breastfeeding equipment to:

- Insure against loss or damage through participant release,
- Obtain participant's signature documenting her understanding of the terms of the rental or loan agreement,
- Document education provided and participant's understanding of the information, and
- Manage the physical inventory.

Nutrition care plan requirements

A nutrition care plan is required in the participant's record when breast shells and supplemental nursing systems are provided. The plan must include the following:

- Item provided
- Reason for providing the item
- Any follow up plans
- Summary of counseling provided
- An evaluation of her understanding about using and cleaning the item

Note: The date and staff person signature are automatically recorded by the data system.

Written agreement required for electric pumps

A written agreement between the participant and the local WIC agency is required when electric pumps are rented or loaned. These agreements collect contact information to facilitate follow-up, explain the terms of the agreement, and obtain the participant's signature agreeing with those terms.

Note: See **policies 240.86A and 240.86B** for copies of the agreements made available by the state WIC office.